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SUBJ: PLIGHT OF FORMER GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK

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1. ACCORDING TO AFP REPORT, AMBASSADOR MENGOME WAS SENTENCED ON JUNE 3 BY APPELLATE COURT TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN PRISON FOR "OUTRAGE AGAINST CHIEF OF STATE." HE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN CONVICTED ON MAY 26 AND SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON AND FINE OF 50,000 CFA (ABOUT DOLS 250). COURT ALSO NOTED THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS MENGOME GUILTY OF OFFENSE AGAINST CHIEF OF SECURITY WHO IS PRESIDENT'S BOTHER-IN-LAW).

2. RELATED AFP DISPATCH REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OKUMBA SAID THERE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN MENGOME'S ARREST AND CLOSING OF GABONESE EMBASSY IN DENMARK. LATTER ACTION SIMPLY ECONOMY MEASURE, RELATITNS WITH DENMARK HAVE NOT BEEN BROKEN, AND GABONESE AMBASSADOR IN EITHER BONN OR BRUSSELS WILL BE ACCREDITED TO DENMARK. STEIGMAN

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